

## THE BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN.

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## After Election.

When the battle ends statesmanship begins. The conflict of ideas is bitter and determined, the result only temporarily decisive. The small majorities by which elections are determined soon become minorities unless the fruits of victory are wisely used. The records of the campaign must coincide with the performances of those who undertake the government. That which defeated President Cleveland in his efforts for re-election was the evident discrepancy between his anti-election promises and the record of his work. To promise civil-service reform and then to defeat it by wholesale appointments to office, to promise a reduction of the surplus and then to fill the treasury with useless deposits, to promise protection to home industries and then to labor for an uncalled for reduction of customs duties, was too evidently keeping the promise to the ear only to break it in the performance.

To say that the party demanded is only to shift the responsibility and to show its unfaithfulness also.

The victorious party of to-day needs to keep these facts in mind. Already there is call for a sweeping change of office-holders upon the assumption of office by President-elect Benjamin Harrison. Protected manufacturers demand often increased protection, while projects for the expenditure of public moneys grow apace.

Such demands are not in accordance with anti-election promises. The Republican party promised reduction of taxes, the upholding and extension of the civil service law, and a fair treatment of soldiers in the way of pensions. These promises should be performed honestly and fully.

Wisdom prescribes that the discussions of the campaign should have their weight in determining the character of the laws to be enacted. He who was a party candidate before the election is now the nation's ruler, entitled to the respect and confidence of the whole nation and bound to suggest and carry out such measures as shall benefit the whole nation.

A word to Democrats. The election of a Democratic Legislature it does not mean riot at Trenton. It does not give license for partisan gerrymandering, or wholesale repeal of the wise measures enacted in the past. The High License Local Option Law, the sunset election law, the registry law, and other measures passed at the last session cannot be repealed without justifying the argument of Republicans that the Democratic party is the party of reaction, the enemy of ballot-reform, and generally more desirous of perpetuating the reign of Democratic office-holders than of securing good government.

In a word, the discussions of the campaign just past have opened the eyes of the people. They are watching their servants. The criticisms which each have applied to the other will be rigidly applied again to those who have succeeded to the honors and labors of office. Not promises but performances are the measure of merit.

## Thanksgiving.

Among the many reasons for thanksgiving, this nation needs to remember the exciting election just passed. A nation of 60,000,000 people without, not a bloodshed has chosen a chief magistrate. The control of the machinery of government is laid down by the party in power without question, or appeal to unfair means to secure its perpetuation. Here is also reason for gratitude in the thought that the memory of the war with its bitter hate has largely been laid aside, and the national contest has been fought upon new lines and for new ends. Let us hope that the future has in store for the nation increased peace, prosperity and happiness.

## New Township Government.

Some changing changes will result if the new law is adopted. These may be good or bad but should at least be considered. The School Board will be revolutionized. Instead of two school districts there will be only one. Instead of nine trustees in the two districts at present there will be twelve, three elected from each ward. Taxation for school purposes will be the same from one end of the township to another; the privileges accorded will also be uniform. Appropriations for school purposes will no longer be made in school meetings by the legal voters, but will be made by the town council.

These are changes of importance and worth consideration.

Some new offices will be created: a recorder, chief of police, engineer of the fire department, treasurer, etc. Several new town committee men will also be elected.

The growth of the township no doubt justifies the assumption of this larger machinery of government and the expense will be trifling in comparison with the advantages gained. The larger powers granted to com-

mittee men will necessitate the choice of good men, well trained in township work and thoroughly informed and devoted to its best interests. The tendency in municipal government is now altogether in the direction of giving enlarged powers to office-holders and holding them to a stricter responsibility. Only in this way can the vast operations of government be performed. It will not do to keep a grown man in leading strings. There must be some room for growth and action. The splendid results of the money spent in improvements within a few years past, justify the wisdom of increasing the powers and labors of our township authorities.

## Rev. Dr. Findley's Resignation.

The Rev. Dr. Wm. T. Findley has tendered to the Official Board of the Central Presbyterian Church, his resignation as pastor. Dr. Findley offered the resignation of his pastorate to the Presbytery of Newark at its meeting on October 3d, but that body refused to even consider it, and requested the reporters present to make no publication of the fact. The request was granted, and nothing was said of the matter at the time. Since then Dr. Findley has become more firmly convinced that he ought to resign. It is understood that the resignation is prompted by the fact that the congregation is gradually diminishing, and that there seems to be but little outlook for the church. This is due to the fact that the encroachments of business have driven away to remote portions of the many families who once were attached to the church and they have moved with other Presbyterian churches nearer home. The First and Second churches have also absorbed others and the majority of the congregation are scattered and live at a distance from the church. Dr. Findley has been pastor nearly twenty years, his twentieth anniversary as pastor occurring next Jan. When he entered upon his duties such men as Wm. O. Headly, Sylvester H. Moore, Aaron O. Price, Samuel Halsey and Stephen G. Gould were prominent in the church. All of them are dead, and their death has been a serious financial loss to the church.

Dr. Findley's resignation will be a matter of sincere regret to his many warm friends, but seems to be the result of the church's location alone. The future of the church is a matter of considerable speculation. Some members favor the selling of the property and a location elsewhere, others favor a dissolution entirely; while still others think that a younger pastor might succeed in retaining a good congregation in the present site and keeping up the work.

A report was in circulation Monday to the effect that the church property on Washington street, near Market, might be sold and the congregation remove to other and more central quarters. Two members of the official board who were seen denied this and said there was no idea in the minds of any of the church friends of selling the property, but that a new pastor would be called and the work would go on as usual. *Advertiser.*

Father Nardiello's Parish.

The tenth anniversary of the dedication of the Church of the Sacred Heart was celebrated with impressive ceremony last Sunday. Father Quinn of St. Michael's Church, Newark, was assisted by several clergymen, officiated at the morning services. At the afternoon services at which Bishop Wiegert was present, the crowd that sought admission was larger than the church edifice could accommodate. It was found necessary to close the church doors in order that the services might go on. Many were turned away. The Bishop administered the rite of confirmation to eighty souls. The pastorate of Rev. J. M. Nardiello over the Bloomfield Church, has been a very successful one and the church is in a prosperous condition. The debt on the church edifice, the school building and the Sister's Home has been cancelled. A small debt yet remains on the Parsonage and the Mt. Olivet Cemetery property. Father Nardiello has met with the earnest co-operation of his congregation in his work.

Township Committee.

The regular meeting of the Township Committee was held on Wednesday night. Present, Messrs. Oakes, Freeman, Dodd and Cook. Mr. Farrand, the Fairview member, was absent. F. H. Elch presented a petition signed by 127 resident freeholders, requesting the Township Committee to adopt an ordinance calling for a special election at which the people will vote for or against the incorporation of the township. The act of incorporation which is proposed for adoption is the one enacted at the last session of the Legislature. Attention has been called to it several times in these columns. The petition bore the signatures of many leading citizens. The number of Glen Ridge people who signed it evidenced that the matter is one in which much interest is taken in that locality. Nearly all the business men at the Centre were represented on the petition. The committee, postponed acting on the matter until next meeting.

The copy of the new contract with the Gas Company was read and sent to the officials of the company for their signature. The contract differs from former ones in that it contains provisions that are intended to render the service more efficient and of greater convenience to the public.

The police bills which were objected to at the last meeting as being excessive, were brought up again and ordered paid. The men received three dollars for the day instead of five.

The D. L. & W. R. R. Company petitioned for a flagstone sidewalk from the terminus of the walk on Glenwood avenue to the platform at the depot.

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